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SOUTHEAST ASIA SIGINT SUMMARY

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DURING THE THIRD WAVE OF STRIKES, GIA LAM REPORTED THE AIRFIELD AND RAILROAD STATION BURNING. THREE WAVES OF AIRSTRIKES OVER NORTH VIETNAM WERE NOTED ON 19 DECEMBER. A TOTAL OF AT LEAST 432 AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING A MINIMUM OF 123 B-52'S, WERE REFLECTED IN THE AIRSTRIKES. AT LEAST 226 AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING A MINIMUM OF 42 B-52'S, WERE INVOLVED IN THE FIRST WAVE. TWO SHOOTDOWNS WERE CLAIMED BY NORTH VIETNAMESE SAM REGIMENTS. AT LEAST 90 AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING 42 IDENTIFIED AS B-52'S, PARTICIPATED IN THE SECOND WAVE. THREE SAM LAUNCHES WERE NOTED, BUT THE RESULTS WERE NOT OBSERVED. THE FINAL WAVE, COMPOSED OF AT LEAST 115 AIRCRAFT INCLUDING 39 IDENTIFIED AS B-52'S, ELICITED AT LEAST ONE SAM LAUNCH, WHICH REPORTEDLY DOWNED AN AIRCRAFT. ANOTHER SAM BATTALION WAS NOTED LATER REFERENCING THE CAPTURE OF A PILOT BUT NO SPECIFICS WERE GIVEN. THERE ARE PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS THAT LANDLINE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AT HANOI GIA LAM AIRFIELD MAY HAVE BEEN DAMAGED DURING THE U.S. BOMBING STRIKES ON 18 DECEMBER. EARLY ON THE 19TH, THE GIA LAM AIRFIELD AND TOWER CONTROLLERS DISCUSSED COMBAT PREPARATIONS ON A RADIO FACILITY NOT NORMALLY USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. LATER, A DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE SAME TWO PARTIES REVEALED THAT THE TELEPHONES WERE INOPERABLE AND THAT RADIOS HAD TO BE USED INSTEAD. IN ADDITION, WEATHER BROADCASTING BY TWO FACILITIES IN THE HANOI AREA HAS BEEN DISRUPTED SINCE 190800Z. ONE FACILITY HAS APPARENTLY CEASED BROADCASTING AND THE OTHER, ALTHOUGH ACTIVE, HAS PASSED VERY FEW WEATHER REPORTS. (2/00 [] VCK/R590-72, 190817Z; 2/00/VCK/R1355-72, 191640Z; R1359-72, 200118Z; R1361-72, 200252Z)

~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ C. OTHER DEVELOPMENTS 1.

REPORTS ON BOMBINGS

[] AT HAIPHONG

REPORTED THAT, AT 1615Z ON 18 DECEMBER A SERIES OF MASSIVE AIR RAIDS BEGAN WITH BOMBARDMENT OF THE CITY, OIL BASE AND RAILROAD BRIDGE. SHIPS IN THE HARBOR WERE REPORTED SECURE ALTHOUGH ONE SHELL EXPLODED 25 METERS FROM ONE OF THE SHIPS.

A THREE-HOUR AIR RAID BEGAN AT 1045Z ON 19 DECEMBER WITH EXPLOSIONS OCCURRING AT 30 TO 50 METER INTERVALS. ALSO ON 19 DECEMBER, THE CAPTAIN OF THE SOVIET MERCHANT SHIP DIVNOGORSK REPORTED A MASSIVE AIR STRIKE OVER THE CITY AND POST OF HAIPHONG. HE REPORTED THAT THE POLISH SHIP KONRAD HAD RECEIVED POSSIBLE DIRECT HITS AND ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED SHIP WAS ON FIRE.

THREE POLISH

SAILORS KILLED AND SIX WOUNDED. ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 2.

ORDERS CLOSING OF DRV SCHOOLS BECAUSE OF ALLIED BOMBING IN A 19 DECEMBER DIRECTIVE PASSED OVER DRV CIVIL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE

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COMMITTEES AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS OF LAO CAI, SON LA, LAI CHAU, AND QUANG
BINH PROVINCES, HO TRUC, [REDACTED] THE
CLOSING OF DRV SCHOOLS PROBABLY DUE TO THE RESUMPTION OF ALLIED BOMBING. THE
SCHOOLS WERE TO REMAIN CLOSED

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